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MANAGEMENT FOR PARALLEL DATABASE SYSTEM

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully  
submitted prior to the Rule 53(b) Continuation Application  
filed on even date.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please insert before the first line of the specification  
the following:

-- This is a continuation of application Serial No.

09/429,398, filed October 28, 1999; which is a continuation of  
Serial No. 09/153,612, filed September 15, 1998, now U.S.  
Patent No. 6,101,495; which is a divisional of application  
Serial No. 08/341,953, now U.S. Patent No. 5,813,005. --